

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: Device And Method For Conditioning Nuclear Fuel Assemblies With  
Double Confinement Barrier

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 4, 2010 and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.